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TOPIC Engineer Battalion of the Prenzlau KVP Division in Fuenfeichen

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REMARKS

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1. The KVP engineer battalion in Fuenfeichen was subordinate to the Prenzlau KVP Bereitschaft and TV Nord, stationed at Pasewalk.
2. The battalion had the designation "D 2-Abteilung".
3. The unit was quartered in the former concentration camp near the former Fuenfeichen estate. Except for the headquarters building and the officers' billets, the quarters were low buildings.
4. Organization and strength of the unit were as follows:

	Officers	NCOs	EM
Headquarters	15	10	10
Supply platoon		5	10
Instruction platoon	1	4	27
S-1 platoon	1	4	27
Technical platoon	1	4	27
1st through 3d Cos each	5	13	62
4th (Technical) Co	5	10	40

The 1st through 3d Co were organized into three platoons of three squads each. The 4th Co included two amphibian platoons and one depot platoon. The number of men serving with the unit was scheduled to be brought by recruits to authorized strength prior to the beginning of the new training year on 1 December 1953.

5. Officers of the unit included Captain Muehle, (fnu), commander; Senior Lieutenant Wilfert, (fnu), deputy for general affairs; Senior Lieutenant Hupatsch, (fnu), deputy for personnel affairs; Lieutenant Hauschild, (fnu), leader of the technical platoon; Lieutenant Baldruck, (fnu), leader of the S-1 platoon; Lieutenant Herbert Streitmann, leader of the 1st Co; Lieutenant Rieck, (fnu), leader of the 2d Co; Lieutenant Hugo, (fnu), leader of the 3d Co; and Lieutenant Lehmann, (fnu), leader

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of the 4th Co.

6. The motor vehicles of the unit included 1 Granit-27 Phaenomen ambulance; 1 EMW P-1 command car; 50 H-3-A trucks; and 3 G-5 trucks.
7. The engineer equipment of the unit included 1 complete set of Soviet-made light brick equipment for the construction of 30-ton bridges and 3 Soviet-made tugs each equipped with an engine of 155 HPs.
8. Five percent of the soldiers of the unit belonged to the 1936 class; 40 percent to the 1935 class; 30 percent to the 1934 class; 15 percent to the 1933 class; and 10 percent to older classes.
9. The men included 95 percent who served up to three years and 5 percent serving three to five years.
10. Thirty percent of the soldiers came from Saxony/Anhalt; 30 percent from Saxony; 17 percent from Thuringia; 10 percent from Brandenburg; 5 percent from Mecklenburg; and 3 percent from Berlin.
11. Ten percent of the men were adhered to party principles; 10 percent were neutral; and 80 percent were passive opponents. Their morale was poor because of the isolated installation, poor quarters, limited leave, insufficient supply of clothing, long duty, and arrogance by numerous officers.
12. No Soviet adviser was assigned to the D-2 Abteilung of the Prenzlau KVPD. A Soviet officer wearing KVP uniform came from Prenzlau about every two weeks to confer with the head of the office.
13. The installation also quartered the D-2 Abteilung of the TV Nord.

Comment. The strength indicated as about 440 men essentially exceeds the authorized strength of an engineer battalion of a Soviet motorized rifle division. It cannot be determined why, therefore, the strength of the engineer battalion of the Prenzlau Div should still be more increased by the assignment of inductees.

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